

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 800

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Beatrice Williams on her receipt of the Mary B. Conner Sisterly Relations Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Beatrice Williams, who was selected to receive the Mary B. Conner Sisterly Relations Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, at the 110<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority honor recognizes that sisterly relations are a key component of a chapter's successful operations as they strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and unite the women in the chapter and in the sorority; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day yet firmly rooted in its historic mission, having grown from a single chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 1,012 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, initiated as a member of the Epsilon Phi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1979, Beatrice Williams has been a member of the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha since 1997; and

WHEREAS, during her term as Sisterly Relations chairman for the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter, Beatrice Williams planned and coordinated numerous activities and events to

strengthen sisterly bonds, such as the Read Around the Christmas Tree, the SistaStrut-Breast Cancer Walk, and the A Grand Pearls and Ivy Affair holiday gala; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Williams has achieved Silver Star status and Life Membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and has served as both a chair and member on a number of the organization's committees; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Beatrice Williams who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Beatrice Williams on her receipt of the Mary B. Conner Sisterly Relations Award and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.